

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 N. BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970
MINUTES
02-14-11

Commissioner Boyer opened the meeting.

APPEALS BOARD RESIGNATION

The Board received a notice that Bruce Murphy resigned as the Chairman of the Appeals Board. The Board will look into finding a replacement.

HIGHWAY EMPLOYEE

Dan Baker, Highway employee, came before the Board regarding the plowing of Mexico road. Mr. Baker said that after he plowed the road, homeowners would plow their drive and push the snow back onto the road. Mr. Baker was concerned that the County would be liable even though they had done all they could. The Board has checked with County Attorney, Patrick Roberts, and was told if the County does their job diligently, then what others do is not the fault of the County. Chairman Boyer said that he had been told that Mr. Baker does a very good job.

Mr. Baker Mr. Baker also asked the Board about seniority at the Highway. He was told three years ago that seniority only mattered in job bids. He stated that 2 jobs have come open but was never posted. He also stated that the seat in his truck was broke and caused him a lot of pain. The Board said they will check into but encouraged Mr. Baker to go to his supervisor.

CLERK

Tawna Leffel, Clerk, came before the Board to ask for guidance with a problem. By law, she is to be bonded and to also purchase a bond to cover her employees. There was no money appropriated in her budget to purchase the bonds. The total for the bonds was \$850 and due to other cuts in her budget, she had nowhere she could move the money from. Commissioner Faust made a motion to pay for the bonds out of the Commissioner budget (just for this year) with the understanding that the Clerk will make sure it is in her budget for next year. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

MINUTES

Commissioner Francis made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

WIGHTMAN PETRIE

Ken Jones, Wightman Petrie, informed the Board that the Public Hearing for the Miami Project would be set for March 2nd after which it will come back to the BOC. He requested a couple of the Commissioners attend the meeting. Commissioner Boyer stated they had to be cautious to not let it become a County project. It has to be driven by the homeowners and remain a community project. Mexico Sewer District is not interested in having Miami join their Sewer District.

Pat Roberts, Commissioner Attorney, told Mr. Jones he should check to see if there are any restrictions set on Grissom by Peru Utilities.

SOUTH DOOR OF THE COURTHOUSE

Prosecutor Bruce Embrey asked the Board to have the south door of the Courthouse checked because it seems to be sticking.

COMMISSIONER ATTORNEY

Due to some circumstances that have come about, Mr. Roberts asked the Board to define the scope of his duties as their attorney.

He also informed the Board that an Attorney out of Ft. Wayne, recommended by the Recorder (her daughter) would like to present what she could offer the County in the scope of employee situations.

EMA

Kris Marks, EMA Director, turned in a report of expenses to the State regarding the recent bad weather in Miami County.

CLAIMS

Commissioner Faust made a motion to pay the claims. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

MUSEUM BOILER

Climate Makers presented a bid to install a sensor/control on the boiler in the amount of \$3,000 - \$3,200. They also submitted an additional bid for chemical for the boiler for approximately \$1,250. After some discussion, Commissioner Faust is made a motion to proceed with the sensor/control and the chemicals and pay for it out of Cum Courthouse. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

SAINE SUMMERS INSURANCE

Saine Summers Insurance submitted an addendum to the insurance. Commissioner Francis made a motion to accept and Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

EQUIPMENT GUARDS AT NEW JAIL

Commissioner Faust noted that Richard York, maintenance, has not had time to build the guards for the equipment yet and we are heading into Spring weather. The Board will check into getting some help to complete that project.

SUPPLIES

Assessor Sara McAuliffe introduced Terry Sheets who represents Rosa's Office. Mr. Sheets provided information on what this company could offer in the way of office supplies.

DOG ORDINANCE

There seems to be a question regarding the writing of tickets and/or arrest powers for animal violations. The Board will work on procedures for this.

Commissioner Francis made a motion to recess until 1:30 and Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

BACK IN SESSION

DLZ

Representatives from DLZ met with the BOC to go over the recommendation of their firm for the old jail space. The plan was split into several phases to allow not having to do everything at one time. DLZ will review comments/questions presented by the Board.

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION

Debbie Bowsher asked the Board if the Mayor of Peru could read the Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation in the Courthouse Rotundra on March 31st and for permission to place the crosses on the Courthouse lawn for the month of April in conjunction of April being Child Abuse Prevention Month. Commissioner Faust made a motion to allow and Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Faust motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Adjourned

MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION

_____, Chairman
C. Craig Boyer

_____, Vice Chairman
H. Jon Faust

_____, Member
Joshua Francis

Attest: _____ Auditor
Jane Lilley